Assembly in 1927, with regard to the improvement of the Pallipuram-Kadutturutti road, will the Government be pleased to state what action they have taken in the matter?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The representation has been referred to the Chief Engineer for report.

Improvement of Canals in Vaikam Taluk.

22. MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): With reference to the Dewan's reply to representation No. 117 at the 23rd session of the Assembly, will the Government be pleased to state whether they will appoint a Special Officer to investigate the present condition of the canals of Vaikam taluk and ways of improving them?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer has reported that a Special Officer is not necessary at present and that the improvement of the canals is being attended to one by one. Government accept the Chief Engineer's view.

Vernacular Middle School, Punalur.

23. MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Vernacular Middle School, Punalur, is located in an insanitary site;

(*b*) if so, the action taken by them to remove this school to a suitable place?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*) above, this question does not arise. On other grounds, however, the question of removing the school to another site is under consideration.

Bridge across Hanumannadi.

24. MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*):

(1) Are the Government aware that the people of Klangad have to cross the Hanumannadi for buying their daily necessaries of life?

(2) Is it a fact that casualties occur almost every year during floods in the Hanumannadi running through the villages of Aikudi and Samburvadakara for want of a bridge there to cross the river?

(3) If so, will the Government be pleased to state the action taken by them to prevent this calamity?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (1) Petitions have been received pointing out that the people have often to cross the river.

(2) Government have no information.

(3) An estimate for the construction of a bridge over the Hanumannadi river at Ayikudi is under preparation.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): With reference to the answer to part (1), may I know from the member whether, apart from petitions, representations also have been made in the Popular Assembly?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I shall take the information from the member.

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